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INSTRUMENT PANEL WITH INTEGRAL HIDDEN COVER AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF

ABSTRACT

An instrument panel and method of making an instrument panel for use in a vehicle having a passenger side airbag module is disclosed. The instrument panel comprising: a first outer layer having a show surface and an inner surface; an intermediary layer disposed on the inner surface; an inner layer disposed on the intermediary layer; a plurality of cuts in the show surface, the plurality of cuts defining a deployable door in the instrument panel and the plurality of cuts in the show surface are not visually perceivable. The plurality of cuts being in the show surface of the first outer layer and the plurality of cuts do not extend all the way through the first outer layer.